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July 28, 1983

Mr. Norman Niedergang
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Dear Norm:

Following our phone conversation on July 27, 1983 regarding dioxin samples, I talked with Jay Evans of my staff and he informed me of the following. He obtained three (3) soil samples in the general area of the site location for the new Sauget Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant on May 18, 1983. As you will recall, this area is approximately one quarter mile south of the confirmed dioxin contaminated area. The samples were taken at grid points H-9, A-10, and B-16 as shown on the facility engineering plans. The three (3) samples were of undisturbed soil in areas that would be the closest to construction activities. The samples were composite's from 2 inches to 10 inches in depth. Split samples were shared with Envirodyne Engineers, acting on behalf of the Village of Sauget. After collecting the samples, Jay relinquished custody of them to Scott Ferris, who is associated with Roy F. Weston. On May 19 and 20, 1983, Envirodyne resampled in and around the contaminated area. Some of these samples were also split with Scott Ferris. It is my understanding that Mr. Ferris was acting in your behalf. The disposition of the samples that were placed in his custody is not known.

After you informed me on July 27, 1983 that the samples from Venice/I.C.G., East St. Louis/I.C.G. and Fairmont City/Conrail came back negative with respect to dioxin contamination, I contacted the following people. I informed Paul Jacobs, Terminal Superintendent with Conrail, of the negative results, as well as, Guy Lawrence, Environmental Engineer with the I.C.G. Railroad and Gary Wilke with U. S. Customs, who has worked at all three rail yards. They were all quite relieved upon hearing the good news and expressed gratitude to U.S.E.P.A. and I.E.P.A. for our efforts and concern.

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Please inform me of the results of the four (4) Rush City samples as soon as they are returned, so that I can make the appropriate contacts and hopefully allay the residents' fears in this matter. I recently received a call from the most vocal resident of the area, complaining that it has been two months since the sampling and that we were not being responsive to their fears and concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

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